

2020 South Dakota State Historical Society History Conference
“Looking Back on South Dakota History with 20/20 Vision”
Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center, Pierre, SD

Basic Information

The theme of this year’s conference, *Looking Back on South Dakota History with 20/20 Vision*, will share South Dakota stories on topics such as a women’s suffrage in South Dakota to a group of black pioneer leaders in Sully County to stories of historic American Indians Ben Reifel and Zitkala-Ša/Gertrude Simmons Bonnin.

The South Dakota State Historical Society is a statewide organization which provides tools for defining our diverse cultural identities and understanding our past. Our mission is to promote, nurture and sustain the historical and cultural heritage of South Dakota. We strive to do this in a number of ways, such as making the past available for the life-long education and enrichment of all. The annual history conference is one avenue toward life-long learning.

The conference draws between 100 - 150 history lovers from across the state and surrounding region, including state and local historians, educators, and students. We also draw non-historians who are attracted to the subject matter.

Below is information which you may find helpful.

- ▶ Members of the South Dakota State Historical Society save \$15 on their registration fee.
- ▶ Teachers can receive up to one renewal credit or 15 contact hours for an additional fee. To do this, teachers must:
 - Register for the South Dakota State Historical Society History Conference.
 - Pay the additional Continuing Education Contact Hours fee of \$35.
 - Attend all conference sessions.
 - Attend the Friday Trustees Luncheon, the Friday night reception at the American Legion Cabin, and the Saturday Awards Luncheon (included in the conference registration fee).
- ▶ Vendors interested in having a table at the conference and who did not receive a mailing from us, please contact Sofia Mattesini at (605) 773-2906 or Sofia.Mattesini@state.sd.us.
- ▶ The Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center is our conference headquarters.

A block of rooms has been reserved with a special group rate of \$107 +tax per night. Guests should call the hotel directly and state that they are with the *South Dakota State Historical Society History Conference*. **Rooms must be booked by March 24 to receive the reduced conference rate.**

The **Ramkota Hotel** phone number is **(605) 224-6877**.

Other accommodations in Pierre include:

AmericInn	(605) 223-2358	Governor’s Inn	(605) 224-4200
Baymont	(605) 224-4140	Holiday Inn Express	(605) 223-9045
Clubhouse Hotel & Suites	(605) 494-2582	My Place Hotel	(605) 494-2090
Days Inn	(605) 223-1336	Quality Inn	(605) 609-0325
Econo Lodge	(605) 224-5951	Super 8 Motel	(605) 206-3072